



MARY LOU COWLISHAW  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 41<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

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Renata B. Hesse  
Anti-trust Division  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to suggest that the Microsoft settlement be affirmed as soon as possible. The case, which has wasted tens of millions of taxpayer dollars, has poisoned our economy when it was already sick.

Investors need assurance that our nation's high-tech industry will thrive, free of the meddling and interference of government gone awry. Our economy being in recession has resulted in large losses of revenue for Illinois and other states. We who are responsible for state budgets need restored public confidence in America's high-tech leadership.

This settlement will serve to revive the very industry that drives the engine of the economy. That will benefit our nation and every one of its citizens.

Please move forward with haste.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lou Cowlishaw".

Mary Lou Cowlishaw  
State Representative  
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